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NEW FLAG FOR BELORUSSIAN SSR

By a ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Belorussian SSR, of 25 December 1951, changes in the state flag of the Belorussian SSR have been decreed. These modifications make the new flag more distinctive than the old, which was indistinguishable from the USSR banner except for the republic initials "BSSR" immediately below the hammer and sickle in the upper left-hand corner.

The new Belorussian flag consists of two horizontal colored bands. The upper band is red and covers two thirds of the width of the flag; the lower stripe, occupying the remaining one third, is green. In the upper left-hand corner a golden hammer and sickle are depicted, and above them a five-pointed red star edged in gold. Running vertically down the entire left side of the flag (the side next to the staff) is the Belorussian "national ornament" in white on a red background. The width of this design occupies one ninth of the flag's length. From the reproduction of the flag, its over-all ratio of width to length appears to be 1:2.

The ukase provided that a recommendation be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet Belorussian SSR of pertinent changes and amendments to be made to Article 120 of the Belorussian Constitution.
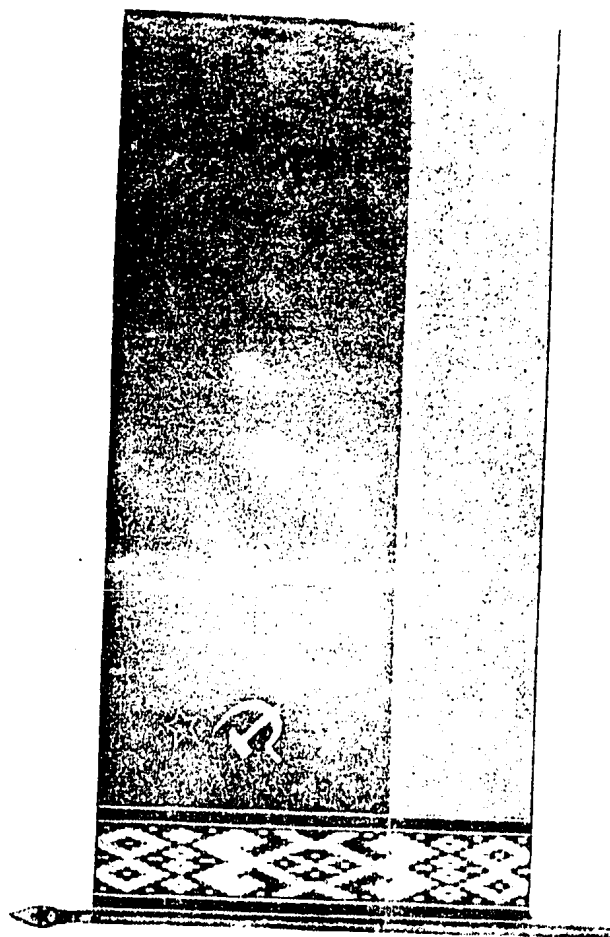
A sketch of the flag is given below.

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